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## Office Action Summary

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**Examiner**

Alecia D. Nelson

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. **Claim 1** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. **Claim 1** is indefinite because it is unclear as to if the set of phase data obtained by the auto phasing is different, i.e., adjusted or altered, from the set of frame data provided as recited in lines 3-5 of the claim.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 1-8** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lasneski (U.S. Patent No. 6,636,205).

With reference to **claims 1 and 6**, Lasneski teaches a method for automatically adjusting display quality, which is used for adjusting a display (see abstract) comprising the steps of providing (bus 32A-C, 34, 36) a set of frame data (RGB analog) with a set

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of display timings (Hsync, Vsync) wherein the set of display timings has a display resolution (see column 5, lines 50-56); auto-phasing (PLL) the set of frame data to obtain a set of phase data (see column 9, lines 2-15); and comparing the display resolution with a set of standard resolutions (see column 8, lines 13-18), and automatically H-positioning to obtain a set of H-pos data (see column 9, lines 12-15).

While Lasneski teaches that the H-positioning data is compared with standard resolutions, there is no teachings that the H-positioning is stored when the display resolution corresponds to one of the set of standard resolutions, however it is taught that only the standard resolution entries are required, only if the resolution being employed by the multimedia source is unknown (see column 8, lines 40-44). Being that it is obvious for the table of standard resolutions to be stored for comparison, it would also be obvious to store the obtained horizontal positioning for a given set of frame data and display timings.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to allow for a storage device for storing the standard resolutions as well as the obtained horizontal positioning data as suggested by Lasneski, in order to thereby prevent recalculation of the provided frame data and display timings when received from the data source. This would thereby reduce calculation time, which is needed to adjust the display, in turn more quickly providing adjustment information to prevent jitters and reduce degradation of the image quality.

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With reference to **claims 2 and 3**, Lansneski teaches that the automatic adjusting the display of a projector (see column 5, line 31). Considering that it is well known for a projector to be of LC type, it would be obvious to allow the display to be an LCD.

With reference to **claim 4**, it is taught that the counters (82, 84, 86), which are used to calculate the H-positioning, are reset at the start of each video data scan line, thereby allowing the method for adjusting to be performed repeatedly for the incoming data stream.

With reference to **claim 5**, Table 1 lists a set of standard resolutions, which include 1024x768 (see column 8).

With reference to **claims 7 and 8**, even though it would be obvious for the system of Lasneski to contain a memory for storing the H-pos as explained above with reference to **claim 1**, there is no specific teachings that the memory device is a Flash ROM or EEPROM. However the usage of such devices are well known in the art, as well as a microcontroller or an ASIC to contain such memory devices.

### ***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to **claims 1-8** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

**Conclusion**

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alecia D. Nelson whose telephone number is (703) 305-0143. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steve Saras can be reached on (703) 305-9720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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